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PULL-OUT DEVICE FOR AN ELECTRICAL CABLE

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JP 5 207945 discloses a method to easily draw out a plug, and to prevent the floor surface, etc., from being flawed by providing a feeding-out plate for extruding the plug at the time of opening a plug cover, in the plug cover provided in a cover shaft of a cord drawing-out part. In a cord drawing-out part 7 part, a plug cover 12 for covering a plug 9 is provided, and the plug cover 12 has a feeding-out plate 13 and is attached so as to be freely rotatable to a cover shaft 14 provided in the outer shell of a main body 1. In such a state, when the plug cover 12 is opened, the plug 9 is extruded by the feeding-out plate 13 and a cord 8 is drawn out by grasping the plug 9. When cleaning is finished, the cord 8 is rolled into a cord reel 2, an end face of the plug 9 pushes the feeding-out plate 13, and the plug 9 is covered with the plug cover 12. As a result, it does not occur that, at the time of movement, the plug 9 is exposed, hits against a floor, a carpet, a mat, etc., and damages them.

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Respectfully submitted



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